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OPERATIONAL MEMORANDUM

MGB-A-66

BSC/Ops/103
Berlin
2 July 1947

TO : []
FROM : []
SUBJECT : Dismissal of []
REF : MGB-3417 (BSC-759)

1. Since his return from Czechoslovakia to Berlin (cf MGB3417/BSC-749) Subject has continued his frantic and rather naive efforts to find a position. Extremely opportunistic in character and approach, he tried many new angles to no avail. As a result he is once more stranded and has only his uncooperative case-officer Captain BALKOV to rely upon (cf MGB-2299/BSC-675).

2. Chronologically, on 3 June 1947 Subject saw BALKOV again. Subject reported that although he had tried once more to get some sort of employment with the Americans, he had had absolutely no luck. BALKOV expressed the opinion that he ought to give up trying, since the Americans obviously did not intend to help him. Rather he should try to find a position with the Telegraf, in some suitable post. Such a position would guarantee Subject a regular salary and furnish BALKOV with useful information.

3. On 9 June Subject appeared at the Telegraf editorial offices. He asked a series of indiscreet questions, as a result of which he was taken to see the editor-in-chief, SCHOLZ.

a. There, according to SCHOLZ, Subject frankly admitted that he had come for the purpose of "spying" and claimed he had a special mission from the MVD to shadow the Telegraf and its editor-in-chief. However, he had long since become satiated with the whole thing, and perhaps the Telegraf could find a way out for him. Further, he was also working with some Americans, especially with a Captain JENSCH.

Field Comment: No Captain JENSCH is known to this organization.

Further, he suggested SCHOLZ might give him some information he could pass on to the Russians; this SCHOLZ refused to do, on the grounds that it would not put a stop to the MVD's curiosity. However, to show his good intentions, Subject offered to photograph the Russian officers for whom he worked and give copies of the photographs to SCHOLZ.

b. Subject's own story of his visit to the Telegraf is the tale of an interview, granted by SCHOLZ, for a position as reporter or detective. Although his living in the Russian Zone presented some difficulties, Subject was to come back in about a week for another interview, and was to bring with him samples of his writings. Subject declared that if he did get

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a job with the Telegraf, he would give up working for the Russians altogether and would concentrate on earning an honest living. He made no mention, however, of his having offered to take photographs of Russian officers for SCHOLZ, but asked us if we were interested in having him undertake the job of photographing Russian officers and buildings. For this undertaking he wanted us to supply him ten thousand Reichsmarks to buy a camera.

4. Since the SCHOLZ interview reported above, Subject has had no contact with BALKOV, although it had been scheduled. BALKOV failed to show up for two meetings, had left no word of when he could be reached, and had not sent the credentials which Subject needed to live legitimately in Berlin.

5. On 23 June 1947, SCHOLZ reported that Subject had appeared at his office again. SCHOLZ saw Subject and decided not to have him arrested, because he felt that it would keep off further HVD agents, and because Subject could be relied upon to pass on colored information to the Russians. However, he declared the British authorities had been fully informed about Subject.

6. On 25 June 1947, Subject was seen again by the present case officer. Subject mentioned that he had seen SCHOLZ, who still had no definite answer on a job for him. SCHOLZ still seemed interested, however, and had suggested Subject should contact a Mr. ORTON, of British ICD.

Field Comment: A Mr. ORTON is in charge of intelligence matters for British ICD.

7. Subject came up, again opportunistically, and requested a ten thousand Reichsmark loan, which would enable him to send his wife and children into the American Zone. Since BALKOV had not supplied the papers Subject needed, and since SCHOLZ had not given him a job, he could present this, his minimum appeal, only to the Americans. He was disappointed when he was told the American military government was not a charitable organization and that we could not sponsor him. This was followed up by a frank statement that on orders from "higher headquarters" no American officer could have any further contact whatsoever with him.

Field Comment: In view of the suspicions held about Subject from the very beginning, in view of the unsatisfactory accounting of his trip to Czechoslovakia, and certainly in view of Subject's extremely unsatisfactory and unprofessional approach to intelligence problems since his return, Subject has been completely dropped by this organization.

No commitments whatever were made to Subject at any time. No security breaches have occurred: Subject knows nothing about this organization, except two case officers by appearance but not name; and he has no way of being able to contact us.

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